JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) As per reports received so far, the quantum of charas, (hashish) and such other drugs seized during April to June, 1986 is as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of drug	Quantity seized (Provisional)
		Kg.
1	Charas (hashish)	133·758 +2·000 hashish oil
2	Opium	524·436
3	Ganja	3934·085
4	Morphine	39·814
5	Heroin	213·817
6	Mandrax tablets	41·000

(b) Appropriate anti-smuggling measures are taken in coordination with the Central and State Government authorities concerned. The field formation remain vigilant to check the smuggling of drugs The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, which has been brought into force with effect from 14th November, 1985, provides for deterrent punishments for drug-trafficking offences. The intelligence machinery has been geared up.

A new organisation called, 'Narcotics Control Bureau' has been set up for the purpose of effectively co-ordinating the action against illicit traffic in drugs and as a result of various measures taken and the comprehensive drive launched against drug trafficking, increasing quantities of drugs have been seized, particularly of heroin and hashish. The quantities of these drugs seized in 1986 till now have already exceeded the quantities seized during the entire year of 1985.

U.S. Aid

324. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S. aid worth Rs. 55 crores ($ 44.65 million) has been agreed upon as per the four agreements signed in May this year; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement and the projects and the schemes to be financed therewith?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The details of the agreements are as under:—

(1) Hill Areas Land and Water Development Project—for improvement of irrigation system in Himachal Pradesh—loan of Rs. 29.6 crores (equivalent to $ 24 million).

(2) National Social Forestry Project to raise income and employment among the rural poor by planting small trees on marginal land for timber, fuelwood and fodder in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh—loan of Rs. 18.4 crores and grant of Rs. 1 crore (equivalent to $ 15.7 million).

(3) Agriculture Research Project—to upgrade scientific and Technological research and development on high priority agricultural problems—grant of Rs. 3.7 crores (equivalent to $ 3 million).

(4) Programme for the Advancement of Commercial Technology—to accelerate the pace and quality of technological innovation in India by promoting and funding Indo-USS research and development of joint ventures through India's private sector—of Rs. 2.4 crores (equivalent to $ 1.95 million). These are ongoing projects and the assistance now provided is in addition to the amounts earlier agreed to by US AID.

The US loans are repayable over a period of 40 years including a grace period of 10 years and carry interest at the rate of 2 per cent for the first 10 years and 3 per cent thereafter.